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REMARKS

In this office action, independent Claims 1, 9 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by U.S. Application number 6,853,549 to Cranston, III, and dependent Claims 6-7 and 16-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Cranston, III et al. in view of Jiang [US 6,480,392].

In response to this rejection, Applicant has amended independent Claims 1, 9 and 19 respectively to incorporate to novel limitations thereto.

In amended Claim 1 of the present invention, **the retention member is flexible.** The pressing body flexes the retention member, and when the pressing body is pivoted to an engaging position in which the pressing body presses the end portion against the support member, the retention member springs back to have the protrusion snappingly engaging with the pressing body so as to retain the pressing body in said engaging position. But in Cranston, III, it is not disclosed that the latching bar (20) flexes the clamp (50) outward while the latching bar (20) is pivoted to a closed position. No clue or suggestion exists in Cranston, III for a person having ordinary skill at the time of the invention was made to develop the present invention of amended Claim 1. Thus, amended Claim 1 is believed to be allowable.

Claims 2-8 are also believed to be allowable since they depend from allowable Claim 1 directly or indirectly.

In amended Claim 9 of the present invention, **the retention member is**

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flexible. When the retention portions of the retention members are simply **flexed outwardly**, the pressing body is released to be rotated away from the end portion. But in Cranston, III, a pair of complicated clamps (50) has to be manipulate to release the latching bar (20). Each clamp (50) includes a link (52) having a hook-shaped end (54) which engages a tab (56) of the latching bar (20). The opposite end of link (52) is **pivoted** at a pin (58) within an actuation lever (60). The actuation lever (60) is in turn **pivoted** at a pin (62) extending through a clamp housing bracket (63). Apparently, no clue or suggestion exists in Cranston, III for a person having ordinary skill at the time of the invention was made to develop the present invention of amended Claim 9. Thus, amended Claim 9 is believed to be allowable.

Claims 10-18 are also believed to be allowable since they depend from allowable Claim 9 directly or indirectly.

In amended Claim 19 of the present invention, at least one retention member is fixed to the panel and **flexible** in said lengthwise direction, and defines a retention portion downwardly pressing against a portion of said pressing body when said retention member is in a **normal condition**. But in Cranston, III, the clamp (50) includes a link (52) having a hook-shaped end (54) which engages a tab (56) of the latching bar (20). The opposite ends of the link (52) are **pivoted** at a pin (58) within an actuation lever (60). The actuation lever (60) is **pivoted** at a pin (62) extending through a clamp housing bracket (63), shown in FIGS. 1 and 2. It is apparent that the clamp (50) in Cranston, III is not flexible, thereby having a normal condition in which the clamp (50) automatically presses against the latching bar (20). No clue or suggestion exists in Cranston, III for a person having ordinary skill at the time of the invention was made to develop the present invention of amended Claim 20. Thus, amended Claim 19 is believed to be allowable.

Claim 20 is also believed to be allowable since they depend from allowable

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Claim 19 directly.

In view of the foregoing, the subject application as claimed in the pending claims is in a condition for allowance and an action to such effect is earnestly solicited.

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